

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5      A television system comprises an electronic program guide  
 (EPG) including a picture-in-picture (PIP) window and means  
 for returning to a last channel viewed full screen (LCF) in a  
 television viewing mode prior to entering the guide mode. The  
 EPG displays a program list including a listing for the LCF  
 10      and text identifying it as such. This last channel listing is  
 positioned at the top of a program list area in the guide.  
 The viewer returns directly to the LCF in the television  
 viewing mode by setting a cursor to the last channel listing  
 prior to exiting the guide mode. In guides including listings  
 15      for future programs, the last channel listing remains in a  
 designated position of the program list area. To return to the  
 LCF from the guide mode, the viewer cursors to the last  
 channel listing in the program list and then presses a  
 20      GUIDE/TV button, designates the LCF as the default channel to  
 which the system automatically tunes when exiting the guide  
 mode, or presses a LAST CHANNEL button on the remote control  
 unit to simultaneously exit the guide mode and tune the system  
 to the LCF. Alternately, the system may employ separate  
 25      television and PIP tuners. In the guide mode, the television  
 input is switched to the PIP tuner and the television tuner  
 remains tuned to the LCF. Thus, when the viewer reselects the  
 television viewing mode, the program being telecast on the LCF  
 30      is displayed full screen.

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